

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-08-26**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 25, 2003
Commission Meeting: August 26, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Citizens Telecommunications Company N2003.8.102 (Leroy)

On August 4, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariff pages to introduce a special promotion beginning September 1, 2003 and ending October 15, 2003. Where available, existing residential who order Caller ID with Name, the nonrecurring installation/activation charge will be waived and the customer will also receive at no charge a Caller ID display unit having a retail value of \$20.00 or a credit of \$3.95 which is equal to the value of the Caller ID with Name monthly recurring charge. If the customer does not subscribe to the service for at least 180 days, a subsequent reversing charge will apply. Staff recommends approval

2. Citizens Telecommunications Company N2003.8.103 (Leroy)

On August 4, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariff pages to introduce a special promotion beginning September 1, 2003 and ending October 17, 2003. Where available, existing residential who order a Frontier Choices Bundled Service, the nonrecurring activation charge will be waived. In addition, existing residential customers who order Frontier Choices- Enhanced Line will receive a \$10.00 credit on their first month's bill and existing residential customers who order Frontier Choices – Enhanced Line with Second Line will receive a \$20.00 credit on their first month's bill. Staff recommends approval

3. Citizens Telecommunications Company N2003.8.104 (Leroy)

On August 4, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed tariff pages to modify the Company's Frontier Choices service offering. With the proposed modification, new customers and existing customers moving to a new location will be given a non-recurring credit of \$10.00 if they order Frontier Choices when first obtaining service from Frontier or initiating a move order. Citizens is requesting a September 1, 2003 effective date. Staff recommends approval

4. MCI N2003.7.99 (Scott)

On July 23, 2003, MCI filed Tariff Transmittal letter No. 03-11. In this filing MCI is making a price list change its Casual Caller section, Grandfather miscellaneous advanced options, Introduce miscellaneous advance Options, introduce a new Metered Use Service, Introduce a new Special Promotional Offering, and make textual change to Option FF(MCI Everyday Plus).

5. Sprint N2003.8.107 (Scott)

On August 5, 2003, Sprint filed changes to its Montana PSC price list No. 1. The purpose of the filing is to: increase rates for Business Sense Dial-1 Toll Free, Increase rates for FONCARD Commitment Level, and Miscellaneous text change

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. L-03.6.1-RUL – PSC – Implementation of HB 479 (Cramming and Slamming Rules). (8/26/03)

2. BDV 2002-397 (PSC D2000.2.21) – PSC – Settlement of “Winback” Litigation with Qwest. (8/26/03)
3. #03-11915 – PSC – Touch America Holdings, Inc. Proceeding. (8/26/03)
4. N2003.6.82 – PSC – Implementation of HB 641 and 580. (8/26/03)
5. D2003.4.46 (90 Day Proceeding) and D2003.5.62 (9 Month Proceeding) – PSC – FCC Triennial Review Proceeding. (8/26/03)
6. D2002.3.33 – PSC – Inquiry into Universal Service Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification. (8/26/03)
7. D2002.12.153 – Qwest Long Distance – Tariff. (8/26/03)
8. D2003.6.77 – NorthWestern Energy – Electric Default Tracker. (8/26/03)
9. D2003.8.109 – Montana Consumer Counsel – Petition for Investigation, etc. (8/26/03)
10. D2002.7.80 – NorthWestern Energy – Avoided Cost Rates; QFLT & SPP. (8/26/03)
11. D2002.11.140, Court CDV 2003-443 – PSC – Judicial Review of PSC Order in NorthWestern Energy 2002-2003 Gas Tracker. (8/26/03)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. Qwest Communications Corporation N2000.8.113 (Scott)

On August 12, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-20, Business Save Promotion. In this filing Qwest is requesting to run a promotion from October 1, 2003 through December 29, 2003. Business customers who request to have one or more products disconnected, and after having been informed of the product's benefits, may be offered a discount equal to one month's recurring charges(s) if they sign a new 1-year contract agreement, two month's recurring charge(s) if they sign a new 3-year contract agreement and three month's recurring charges(s) if they sign a new 3-year or 5-year contract agreement. The products to be included are: Single line ISDN Service (SLS)—available on flat rated services only, Bulk uniform Access Solution Service (Bulk UAS), Basic Digital Switched Service (Basic DSS)—available on 3-year and 5-year contracts only, Bulk advanced Digital Switched Service, and Bulk Primary Rate Service.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2003.8.112 – West River Telephone Cooperative – MT PSC Annual ETC Certification to the FCC

N2003.8.113 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-20 – Business Save Promotion

D2003.8.114 – Montana Large Customers Group, Energy Share of Montana, Montana Consumer Counsel – Petition to Segregate USB Funds

D2003.8.115 – NorthWestern Energy – Monthly Electric Supply Cost Rate Adjustment